

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT HOO

• Mr. HELLER. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize Robert Hoo, the founder of Nevadans for the Common Good, an organization dedicated to community and making the great State of Nevada a better place through public service. Robert was born and raised in China and moved to New York with his family after the Communist revolution. For the last 5 years, Robert has lived in Las Vegas and committed himself to the goals of his impressive organization.

Nevadans for the Common Good trains everyday citizens for public service, such as running for political office or becoming active on an issue. The organization is run by 40 generous institutions and is a collection of religious congregations, civic associations, professional organizations, schools, fraternities, sororities, and other community-based groups.

Robert understands the importance of a good and honest government that truly works for the people. Having experienced the impact of communism on his family in China, he only further appreciated American ideals, and these values fuel the work he does to this day.

Robert Hoo has taken public and community service very seriously. Before he moved to Nevada, Robert worked for a nonprofit organization in Connecticut and also for an organization that targeted neighborhood blight in East Brooklyn. The people of Nevada are very fortunate that Robert's journey took him to our State.

Lastly, Robert's dedication to finding common ground is truly admirable. In today's political environment, too often we focus on what divides us. Robert, on the other hand, chooses to focus on what unites us at the grassroots level and is committed to helping people solve real problems for others and themselves. The world needs more public servants that have Robert's dedication to helping others and making a difference.

I am both humbled and honored to acknowledge Robert Hoo for his outstanding work. His organization is making a difference for so many people who want to better our great State through public service. As the senior Senator from the great State of Nevada, I am proud to call Robert a Nevadan and applaud the work he has done and will continue to do for years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO BOBI PIKE-OATES

• Mr. HELLER. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize Bobi Pike-Oates of Las Vegas for her service to our country and to the great State of Nevada. Bobi Pike-Oates served in the U.S. Air Force for 23 years, retiring with the rank of senior master sergeant. Now, even in retirement, she remains active in various groups and dedicated to helping veterans and the community.

Bobi Pike-Oates traveled the world during her time in the Air Force, serving in Hungary for Operation Joint Endeavor and in Turkey for Operation Provide Comfort. Being so far from home was, of course, very difficult, and we cannot adequately repay Bobi for the sacrifices she made in order to serve our country.

Throughout her time in the Air Force, Bobi earned awards and received recognition for going above and beyond in her service. During her time at Nevada's own Nellis Air Force Base, Bobi received the Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, as well as the Resource Advisor of the Year Air Warfare Center.

Even though she is now retired from the Air Force, Bobi Pike-Oates's commitment to serving her country remains just as strong. Currently, Bobi serves on various boards, commissions, and associations that help our veterans. Bobi is a board member for the Women Veterans of Nevada, a life member of the Air Forces Association, a charter member of the Women in Military Service for America, Air Force Sergeants Association, American Legion, life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and a life member of the Disabled American Veterans. She also serves on the State of Nevada Women Veterans Advisory Committee. Through these various organizations, Bobi continues to make Nevada proud.

I am both humbled and honored to acknowledge Bobi Pike-Oates for her service to our country. Her sacrifices and continued commitment to helping those who served makes me proud, and it is an honor to call her a fellow Nevadan. As Nevada's senior Senator, I look forward to seeing her continue to inspire others and work to help fellow veterans who, like her, make it possible for us to live in the freest nation on Earth.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILL AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS
SIGNED

At 10:58 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill and joint resolutions:

S. 544. An act to amend the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 to modify the termination date for the Veterans Choice Program, and for other purposes.

S.J. Res. 30. Joint resolution providing for the reappointment of Steve Case as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

S.J. Res. 35. Joint resolution providing for the appointment of Michael Govan as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

S.J. Res. 36. Joint resolution providing for the appointment of Roger W. Ferguson as a citizen regent of the Board of Regent of the Smithsonian Institution.

The enrolled bill and joint resolutions were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. HATCH).

MEASURES PLACED ON THE
CALENDAR

The following bills were read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 861. A bill to provide for the compensation of Federal employees affected by lapses in appropriations.

H.R. 1301. An act making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1203. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Monoethanolamine; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9949-11) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 5, 2017; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1204. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Acetamiprid; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemption" (FRL No. 9959-90) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 5, 2017; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1205. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Samuel D. Cox, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1206. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; SC; Infrastructure Requirements for the 2012 PM2.5 National Ambient Air Quality Standard" (FRL No. 9960-92-Region 4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 5, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1207. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; North Carolina; Motor Vehicle Emissions Control Program; Correcting Amendment" (FRL No. 9960-94-Region 4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 5, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1208. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Michigan; Part 9 Miscellaneous Rules; Correction" (FRL No. 9960-49-Region 5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 5, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1209. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Ohio; Removal of

Gasoline Volatility Requirements in the Cincinnati and Dayton Areas; Update on the Boutique Fuel List for Illinois and Ohio" (FRL No. 9960-96-Region 5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 5, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1210. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Indiana; Base Year Emissions Inventory and Emissions Statement Rule Certification for Lake and Porter Counties for the 2008 Ozone Standard" (FRL No. 9960-90-Region 5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 5, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1211. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Ohio; Redesignation of the Ohio Portion of the Cincinnati-Hamilton, OH-IN-KY Area to Attainment of the 1997 Annual Standard for Fine Particulate Matter" (FRL No. 9960-82-Region 5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 5, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1212. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Minnesota; Sulfur Dioxide Limits for Saint Paul Park Refining Co. LLC Facility" (FRL No. 9960-88-Region 5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 5, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1213. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Indiana; Redesignation of the Indiana Portion of the Cincinnati, Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Area to Attainment of the 2008 Ozone Standard" (FRL No. 9960-79-Region 5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 5, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1214. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval and Air Quality Designation; KY; Redesignation of the Kentucky Portion of the Louisville 1997 Annual PM2.5 Nonattainment Area to Attainment" (FRL No. 9960-55-Region 4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 5, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1215. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Florida; Infrastructure Requirements for the 2012 PM2.5 NAAQS" (FRL No. 9960-97-Region 4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 5, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1216. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reclassification of the Sheboygan, Wisconsin Area To Moderate Nonattainment for the 2008 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards; Correction" (FRL No. 9960-91-Region 5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 5, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1217. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division,

Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Indiana; Emissions Statements Rule" (FRL No. 9960-78-Region 5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 5, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1218. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Michigan; Transportation Conformity Procedures" (FRL No. 9960-81-Region 5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 5, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1219. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval Tennessee: Reasonable Measures Required" (FRL No. 9960-57-Region 4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 5, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1220. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont; Interstate Transport of Fine Particle and Ozone Air Pollution" (FRL No. 9960-86-Region 1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 5, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1221. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; NC; Infrastructure Requirements for the 2012 PM2.5 National Ambient Air Quality Standard" (FRL No. 9960-95-Region 4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 5, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1222. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Kentucky; Nonattainment New Source Review Requirements for the 2008 8-Hour Ozone NAAQS" (FRL No. 9960-54-Region 4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 5, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1223. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Georgia; Inspection and Maintenance Program Updates" (FRL No. 9960-59-Region 4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 5, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1224. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Washington: General Regulations for Air Pollution Sources, Southwest Clean Air Agency Jurisdiction" (FRL No. 9960-83-Region 10) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 5, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1225. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mercury and Air Toxics Standards (MATS) Electronic Reporting Require-

ments" (FRL No. 9958-30-OAR) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 5, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1226. A communication from the Chairman of the United States International Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's fiscal year 2016 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1227. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's fiscal year 2016 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1228. A communication from the Director, Congressional Affairs and Public Relations, U.S. Trade and Development Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency's 2016 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1229. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Elizabeth River, Elizabeth, NJ" ((RIN1625-AA09) (Docket No. USCG-2017-0070)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 5, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1230. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Detroit River (Trenton Channel), Grosse Ile, MI" ((RIN1625-AA09) (Docket No. USCG-2016-0988)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 5, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1231. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulation, 2017 Catano Offshore, San Juan Harbor, San Juan, PR" ((RIN1625-AA08) (Docket No. USCG-2017-0255)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 5, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1232. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Security Zone; VIP Visits, Palm Beach, FL" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2017-0220)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 5, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1233. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Security Zone; USCGC MUNRO Commissioning Ceremony Elliott Bay; Seattle, WA" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2017-0261)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 5, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1234. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Charleston Race Week,

Charleston Harbor, Charleston, SC” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2017-0023)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 5, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1235. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Safety Zone for Fireworks Display; Patapsco River, Inner Harbor, Baltimore, MD” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2017-0176)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 5, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1236. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Safety Zone; Pacific Ocean, Kilauea Lava Flow Ocean Entry on Southeast Side of Island of Hawaii, HI” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2017-0172)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 5, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1237. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Safety Zone; San Francisco, CA” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2016-0836)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 5, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1238. A communication from the Assistant Chief Counsel for Regulatory Affairs, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Hazardous Materials: Harmonization with International Standards (RRR)” ((RIN2137-AF18)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 5, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1239. A communication from the Trial Attorney, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Implementation of the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act Improvements Act for a Violation of a Federal Railroad Safety Law, Federal Railroad Administration Safety Regulation or Order, or the Hazardous Material Transportation Laws or Regulations, Orders, Special Permits, and Approvals Issued Under Those Laws” ((RIN2130-AC65)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 5, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1240. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2016-9069)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 5, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1241. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2016-6431)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 5, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1242. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to

law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2016-9051)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 5, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1243. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2014-0922)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 5, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1244. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2016-8183)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 5, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1245. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2016-9054)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 5, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1246. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2017-0129)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 5, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1247. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2016-9068)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 5, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1248. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2016-8844)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 5, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1249. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2016-9300)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 5, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1250. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; CFM International S.A. Turboprop Engines” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2016-9128)) received in the Office of the

President of the Senate on April 5, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1251. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Textron Aviation Inc. (Type Certificate Previously Held by Cessna Aircraft Company) Airplanes” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2016-3705)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 5, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1252. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Safran Helicopter Engines, S.A., Turboprop Engines” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2017-0115)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 5, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1253. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Pratt and Whitney Division Turboprop Engines” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2016-8836)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 5, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1254. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation Helicopters” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2016-9291)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 5, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1255. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Fokker Services B.V. Airplanes” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2016-9302)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 5, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1256. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; BAE Systems (Operations) Limited Airplanes” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2016-0457)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 5, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1257. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Part 95 Instrument Flight Rules; Miscellaneous Amendments; Amendment No. 532” ((RIN2120-AA63)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 5, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1258. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Take-off Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (73);

Amdt. No. 3735" (RIN2120-AA65) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 5, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1259. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Take-off Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (92); Amdt. No. 3737" (RIN2120-AA65) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 5, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1260. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace, Manti, UT" (RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2016-8164) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 5, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1261. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace, Trinidad, CO" (RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2015-7115) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 5, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1262. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class D and Class E Airspace; Elmira, NY" (RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2015-8128) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 5, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1263. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Air Traffic Service (ATS) Routes; Eastern United States" (RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2016-0986) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 5, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1264. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Air Traffic Service (ATS) Routes Q-917 and Q-923; Northcentral United States" (RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2017-0116) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 5, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1265. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Restricted Areas R-7201; Farallon De Medinilla Island, Mariana Islands" (RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2015-0739) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 5, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1266. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of the Prohibition Against Certain Flights in the Tripoli (HLLL) Flight Information Region (FIR)" (RIN2120-AK99) (Docket No.

FAA-2011-0246) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 5, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. CORKER, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with amendments and with an amended preamble:

S. Res. 116. A resolution condemning the Assad regime for its continued use of chemical weapons against the Syrian people.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. 888. A bill to amend the Higher Education Opportunity Act to add disclosure requirements to the institution financial aid offer form and to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to make such form mandatory; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. 889. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to make technical improvements to the Net Price Calculator system so that prospective students may have a more accurate understanding of the true cost of college; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. UDALL (for himself and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 890. A bill to grant the Congressional Gold Medal to the troops who defended Bataan during World War II; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. MURPHY (for himself, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. BALDWIN, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 891. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to require contracting officers to consider information regarding domestic employment before awarding a Federal defense contract, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself and Mr. MCCAIN):

S. 892. A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to establish additional registration requirements for prescribers of opioids, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SHELBY:

S. 893. A bill to repeal the current Internal Revenue Code and replace it with a flat tax, thereby guaranteeing economic growth and fairness for all Americans; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DAINES:

S. 894. A bill to amend title 40, United States Code, to provide requirements for the disposal of surplus Federal property relating to review of bidders and post-sale responsibilities; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. HEINRICH (for himself and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 895. A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to establish a comprehensive program to improve education and training for energy- and manufacturing-related jobs to increase the number of skilled workers trained to work in energy- and manufacturing-related fields, and for other purposes;

to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BURR (for himself, Mr. BENNET, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. DAINES, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 896. A bill to permanently reauthorize the Land and Water Conservation Fund; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FRANKEN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. UDALL, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. MARKEY, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 897. A bill to protect civilians from cluster munitions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, and Ms. HETTKAMP):

S. 898. A bill to provide incentives to physicians to practice in rural and medically underserved communities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mr. MORAN, and Mr. TESTER):

S. 899. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that the requirements that new Federal employees who are veterans with service-connected disabilities are provided leave for purposes of undergoing medical treatment for such disabilities apply to certain employees of the Veterans Health Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mr. REED, Mr. FRANKEN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. HEINRICH, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 900. A bill to improve the Federal Pell Grant program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mr. ROUNDS, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. HASSAN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. WARNER, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. KAINE):

S. 901. A bill to prohibit any reduction in the amount of the per diem allowance to which members of the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps or civilian employees of the Department of Defense are entitled based on the duration of temporary duty assignments or official travel, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mrs. MCCASKILL (for herself and Mr. DAINES):

S. 902. A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to provide for certain acquisition authorities for the Under Secretary of Management of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. UDALL (for himself and Mr. TESTER):

S. 903. A bill to amend the Caregivers and Veterans Omnibus Health Services Act of 2010 to extend and expand the pilot program on the use of community-based organizations and local and State government entities to ensure that veterans receive care and benefits for which they are eligible and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. STRANGE):

S. 904. A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize the National Computer Forensics Institute, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.